

Monday, August 2, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Deceptive Mail Prevention and Enforcement Act.
See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills and four resolutions were introduced as follows: S. 1471–1474, S.J. Res. 30, S. Res. 170–171, and S. Con. Res. 49.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
S. 944, to amend Public Law 105–188 to provide for the mineral leasing of certain Indian lands in Oklahoma. (S. Rept. No. 106–132)

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Measures Passed:

District of Columbia Appropriations: Pursuant to the order of July 1, 1999, Senate passed H.R. 2587, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1283, Senate companion measure, as passed by the Senate on July 1, 1999. Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair, as authorized, appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Hutchison, Kyl, Stevens, Durbin, and Inouye.

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Subsequently, passage of S. 1283 was vitiated and then indefinitely postponed.

Deceptive Mail Prevention and Enforcement Act: By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. 248), Senate passed S. 335, to amend chapter 30 of title 39, United States Code, to provide for the non-mailability of certain deceptive matter relating to sweepstakes, skill contests, facsimile checks, administrative procedures, orders, and civil penalties relating to such matter, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Collins/Levin Amendment No. 1497, to provide for certain requirements of promoters of skill contests or sweepstakes mailings, and to make certain clarifying modifications to the bill. Pages S9973–75

Commending Gen. Wesley K. Clark: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 169, commending General Wesley K. Clark, United States Army, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Agriculture Appropriations: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1233, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Lott (for Daschle) Amendment No. 1499, to provide emergency and income loss assistance to agricultural producers.

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Lott (for Cochran) Amendment No. 1500 (to Amendment No. 1499), of a perfecting nature.

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Lott motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions to report back forthwith, with the following amendment: Lott Amendment No. 1501 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), to restrict the use of certain funds appropriated to the Agricultural Marketing Service.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the pending motion to recommit and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Wednesday, August 4, 1999.

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Subsequently, the motion to recommit was withdrawn.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Tuesday, August 3, 1999.

Budget Reconciliation/Tax Relief Conferees: The Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate to H.R. 2488, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to sections 105 and 211 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2000: Senators Roth, Lott, and Moynihan. **Page S9965**

Fuels Regulatory Relief Act: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to S. 880, to amend the Clean Air Act to remove flammable fuels from the list of substances with respect to which reporting and other activities are required under the risk management plan program, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S10059–62**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a supplemental report of a revised deferral of budget authority dated August 2, 1999; which was referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; to the Committees on Appropriations, the Budget, and Foreign Relations. (PM–54). **Page S9995**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Alejandro N. Mayorkas, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of California.

James Roger Angel, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring February 4, 2002.

Jack E. Hightower, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 1999.

Jerry D. Florence, of California, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term

expiring December 6, 2002, vice John L. Bryant, Jr., term expired. **Page S10062**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Stephen D. Van Beek, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

Neal S. Wolin, of Illinois, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

Sam Epstein Angel, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission for a term of nine years.

Brigadier General Robert H. Griffin, United States Army, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, under the provisions of Section 2 of an Act of Congress, approved June 1879 (21 Stat. 37) (33 USC 642). **Page S10062**

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Text of H.R. 2488 as Previously Passed: **Pages S10007–59**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—248) **Page S9985**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12:01 p.m., and adjourned at 7:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, August 3, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10062.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 2667–2677, and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 169–170, were introduced. **Pages H6842–43**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2614, to amend the Small Business Investment Act to make improvements to the certified development company program (Rept. 106–278);

H.R. 2615, to amend the Small Business Act to make improvements to the general business loan program (Rept. 106–279);

H. Res. 271, providing for consideration of H.R. 987, to require the Secretary of Labor to wait for completion of a National Academy of Sciences study before promulgating a standard or guideline on ergonomics (Rept. 106–280);